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Gisburn Road,  
BARROWFORD.  
March 1919.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District Council of Barrowford.  
Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure of presenting to you my 26th Annual Report on the health and Sanitary Condition of the district.

Births: During the year ending the 31st day of December, 1918, there have been 47 births registered. Males 21, females 26.

This gives an annual birth rate of 8.1 per 1,000 of the population, the birth rate for the two previous years being 10.8 and 15.5.

Deaths: The number of deaths registered during the year of people belonging to the district was 73. Males 31 females 42. giving an annual death rate of 12.5 per 1,000. Ten of these occurred outside the district:

The following table shows at what ages the deaths occurred:-

Deaths under 1 year				3.
1 year and under	5 years,	.		7. Under 5 years
5 years "	"	15 "		2.
15 "	"	"	25 "	9.
25 "	"	"	45 "	10.
45 "	"	"	65 "	13.
65 "	"	over	.. ....	24. 5 years and over
				73.

The deaths include Bronchitis 9; Pneumonia 3, Pulmonary Tuberculosis 4, Heart Disease 7, Cancer 10, Influenza 10 Measles 6, Whooping cough 1, Premature birth 1, Old age 4. Accident 1, Suicide 1.

Infantile Mortality: The rate of deaths under 1 year to 1,000 births registered is 63. There were 4 illegitimate births registered.

Infectious diseases: Under the infectious disease notification act there have been 238 cases. The cases were:-





Diphtheria	ooo	ooo	1.
Erysipelas	ooo	ooo	2
Scarlet Fever	.	ooo	3.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis			3
Non Pulmonary "			2
Measles & German Measles			227

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During the 1st quarter of the year there was a severe epidemic of measles 224 in number with six deaths the ages at which the cases occurred ranged from 19 days old to 32 yrs there were 31 cases over 8 years of age. Owing to this epidemic I recommended the closure of all the schools from the 15th to the 28th day of February.

I also recommended the managers of the Sunday Schools to keep the Sunday Schools closed during the same period so as to enable the sanitary authority to thoroughly disinfect the schools. These recommendations were carried out with the exception of the Church of England Sunday School. On the 28th March I visited this school and found one boy present from an infected house. For the guidance of the school managers teachers and school attendance authorities I recommended:-

- (1) That all children who have contracted measles must be excluded from attendance at school for a period of 16 days from the first appearance of the rash.
- (2) That all children who are, or have been in contact with cases of measles must be excluded from attendance at school for a period of 16 days from the date of such contact.

During the month of November there was a very severe epidemic of Influenza owing to this epidemic I recommended the closure of all the schools in the district from the 14th until the 28th Novr I afterwards extended this date until the 8th December.





There were 10 deaths from this disease the complications being severe, especially Meningitis and Pneumonia. The lack of nurses was very much felt but I am pleased to say that many of the Ambulance Nurses did very good service. The difficulty of getting stimulants and coal was a great drawback.

Handbills were sent out to each house in the district pointing out the best means of preventing it spreading considering the vast number of cases the mortality cannot be considered high.

Dairies and Cow Sheds: The dairies and cowsheds are kept clean and the cleanliness of the cattle is satisfactory but most of the cow sheds are short of air space.

Factories. The Factories have been inspected no defects were found. The workshops and bakehouses have also been inspected and their condition was satisfactory.

Smoke Nuisances: The time limit allowed for omission of black smoke is ten minutes per hour No observations have been taken.

Housing of the Working Classes: The number of dwelling-houses inspected 107. The number of dwelling-houses remedied without closing orders 12.

Character of Defects. Dampness and structural defects.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant

(Signed) F. E. de B. Pim

Medical Officer of Health.



